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MR KINDER'S RETIREMENT.

The Peking and Tientsin Times is authority for the statement that Mr Claude Kinder, C.M.G., has not been appointed Advisory Engineer to the Imperial Chinese Railways in London, as recently reported in Japanese and English papers. It is a strange story which our contemporary bells, and yet one which seems very familiar in some respects, as old China hands will recall. Mr Kinder, it appears, had only taken fifteen months leave between September, 1878, and April, 1899, and was therefore entitled to the sum of £3,500 as pay due in lieu of leave, but when he sent in his application for this sum it was refused. Instead, he was offered \$300 and an engagement for three years as Consulting Engineer in London at a salary of £1,000 per annum. Mr Kinder naturally declined the proposal, whereupon £2,000 (a year's salary) was paid into his account and his long career with China was severed. The Peking Times contrasts this treatment with that accorded Mr Jadot, the Belgian engineer-in-chief of the Peking-Hankow railway. "When M. Jadot left China after five years service he was awarded by the Chinese Government, justly awarded we consider an honorarium of 250,000 francs (£10,000) for the work done on the railway, and 50,000 francs (£2,000) extra for the Yellow River Bridge. Mr Kinder leaves with a reward of £1,500—less than nothing." As our contemporary points out, "No foreign employee of the Chinese Government ever left China with a higher reputation for ability, energy and unswerving integrity than Mr Kinder. His work speaks for itself. The railway built by him is one of the most valuable assets of the Chinese Government. From the revenue earned by it has been defrayed, among other things, the cost of the construction of the Peking-Hankow Railway. It is the security for various railway loans obtained abroad." It is questionable whether any employee of any foreign government of the standing and record of Mr Kinder was ever treated more ungenerously.

A WISE APPOINTMENT.

It is announced officially that the Prime Minister, with his Majesty's approval, has requested Admiral of the Fleet Sir Arthur Knyvet Wilson, G.C.B., G.C.V.O., to become a member of the Committee of Imperial Defence.

Admiral Sir A. K. Wilson, who is sixty-seven, entered the Navy in 1856. He has seen service in the Crimean and China wars, was present at the bombardment of Alexandria in 1882, and fought at El Teb two years later, winning the Victoria Cross for an act of gallantry which Sir Redvers Buller described as one of the most daring he had ever witnessed. He has acted as a Lord Commissioner and Comptroller of the Navy, commanded the Channel Squadron in 1901-3, and received his commission as Admiral of the Fleet in 1907.

"The Silent Admiral," as Sir Arthur Wilson is called, from his preference for practice instead of preaching, is the inventor of the double-barrelled torpedo tube. He has made torpedo warfare his special study. When steel nets were adopted to ward off torpedoes it was he who invented the automatic shears which, attached to the nose of the torpedo, cut through this defence. Numerous other improvements followed. He is accounted the finest tactician and strategist in the Navy. At the battle of El Teb Captain Wilson—as he then was—was present with the Naval Brigade. The hitherto impregnable British square had been broken by the repeated mad rushes of the dervishes, and half a dozen Sudanese, seeing the advantage of a wide gap, endeavored to penetrate the centre of the square. Captain Wilson bore the brunt of the onset until the rallying troops closed up the square once more. For his bravery on this occasion he received the Victoria Cross.

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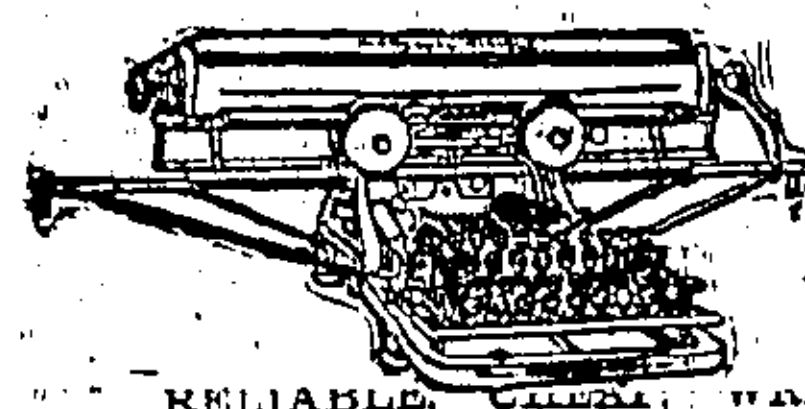
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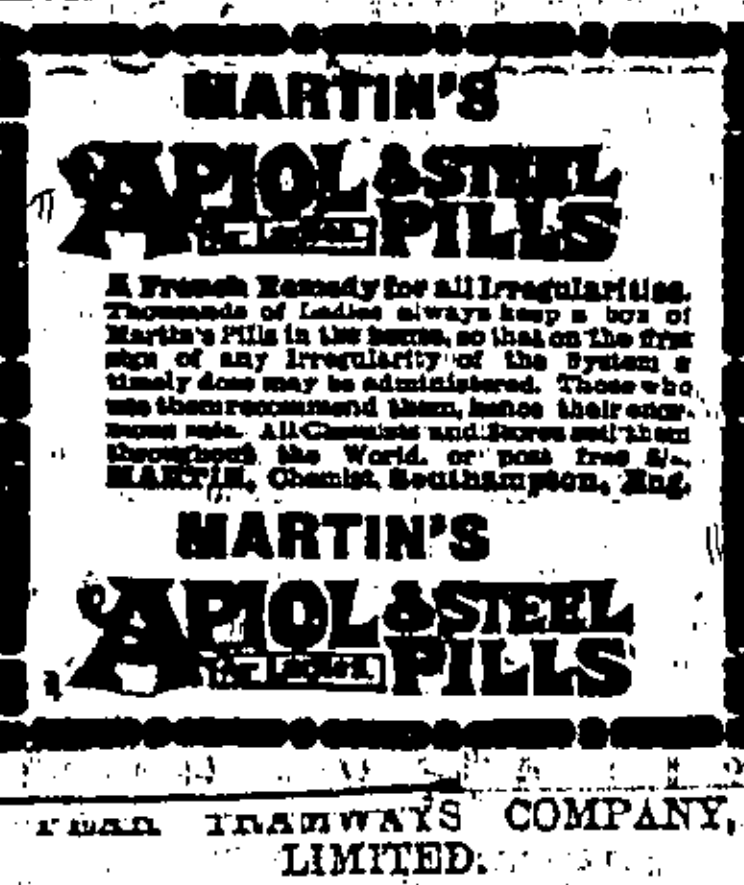
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Office of the Company, Alexandra Build-
ing, Des Voeux Road Central, on SATUR-
DAY, the 29th day of May, 1909, at
11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the
Report of the Directors and the Balance
Sheet of the Company for the year ending
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JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, May 19, 1909.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the
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JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, May 22, 1909.

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together with a Statement of Accounts
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EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, May 22, 1909.

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PAPER AND PRINTING IN
CHINA.

By E. H. Parker.

(Continued from Page 5.)

Previous to the recent discoveries of Dr
Steph, our chief authorities for what a
Chinese book was like are the statements
of historians of the first, second, and third
centuries of our era, when a number of
ancient books were unearthed, after cen-
turies of concealment, from tombs and
hiding-places. Every single one of these
books consisted of bamboo strips of one
of the kinds above described, written in
varnish usually, but occasionally also in
ink, and tied together in "chapters" or
bundles by strings of leather or silk run-
ning through one end of the bamboo, very
much as at the fashion of our "books" of
baggage-tickets, as we buy them, bound
together by a brass cycle-hole. It had
up to quite recently, been taken for
granted by Europeans, and also, to a
certain extent, by Chinese historians, that
the knife had been used in ancient times
to carve characters upon wood. This
erroneous view was the consequence of
scribes and secretaries in the old days
being described as "clerks of the knife
and style." But it is now clearly estab-
lished beyond doubt that the curved knives,
each forming the one-sixth segment of a
circle, were used for raising the varnish
characters in cases of error, or for cutting
notches in the indenture contracts, the
form of which will be presently explained.

But, in addition to the books thus form-
ed of piles of bamboo strips tied together
by a cord—and often, it seems, enclosed,
chapter by chapter, in light bamboo cases
or boxes for further protection—slabs of
wood, about a foot square, were exten-
sively used for Acts of State, notices, orders,
proclamations, and so on, provided not
more than 100 words were employed.
It is said of Confucius that, when
seated in his bullock-cart, he always "bow-
ed to the man carrying squares"; by this
is meant that, "whenever he met a police-
man or runner carrying on his back or
shoulder a number of official documents
issuing from the pretorium, he invariably
saluted respectfully," just as the modern
Chinese do when an imperial courier
gallops up. There were other wooden
and bamboo slabs, of sizes intermediate
between the "squares" and the "books,"
used for various purposes, such as
visiting-cards, private letters, summon-
ses, altar names (these last still in use
in some Chinese temples), and also in most
respectable private writings, appoint-
ments, warrants, commissions, and so on;
but all this, interesting though it be, sheds
no new light upon the specific question of
writing materials.

The revolutionary Emperor of B. C.
213 did not confine his energies to
reading 80,000 words a day, and
destroying all the literary men and
their works, when he found them
getting in the way of his ambitious plans;
he also did his best to standardize the irregu-
lar forms which the various kingdoms he
annexed had given to the ideographs. This
led to the immediate simplification of the
written character, two new modifications of
which at once came into use, one of the
two being specially intended for the use
of the police and the clerks; it bears analogy
to the short Babylonian as compared
with the Babylonian hieroglyphics, or the
demotic Egyptian as compared with the
ideographs. Meanwhile, his chief
General, Meng Tien, was employed in
extending the Great Wall of China by
means of forced labour; and, finding him-
self, in consequence, in a region where
bamboos were at a discount, conceived the
idea of substituting hairs' hair for the
pencil tip instead of the "chewed" bam-
boo, or otherwise softened and spread-out
bamboo tip, which used to be dipped in
varnish or ink.

It had already been the occasional
practice—and this apparently from the most
ancient times—in China to write with the
varnish-stick upon fine silken materials; but,
this was too expensive a luxury to indulge
in for ordinary purposes and the practice
seems to have been limited to funeral
banners for slaying before the altar
furnaces; pictures, and drawings; first-class
ambassadors' commissions, and so on. It
is particularly stated that the imperial seal
could only be applied to silk, and not to
wood or bamboo; hence, perhaps, the sub-
sequent importation of jade from Khoten.
The ancient and unimproved characters
had often been styled "saddles" because
of the nature of the old bamboo style
necessitated the tapering off of each
stroke, as the style was every few moments
taken off the writing material by the
scribe. But now the simplification of the
characters, the 50 per cent. reduction
in the number of strokes, the dis-
covery that the hair pencil could mark
thick and thin with great elegance,
precision, and variety, and the development
of the silk industry, stimulated ingenious
persons of fashion to make a kind of "silk
shoddy" out of silks, repurposes, and other
waste products. It is specifically
stated that between A.D. 10 A.D. 20 a
statesman named Ping Yen, otherwise
known as the "Eastern Earl" (there was
a corresponding Western Earl), displayed
great ability in the manufacture of silk
paper, which for the past two centuries
had already, but not very largely,
replaced bamboo for writing purposes.

This "paper" seems to have been written
upon silken strips, and, quite with
varnish, for it is mentioned in con-
nection with two superior qualities of
pencil-brush and ink, manufactured by
two individuals named Chang Chien and
Kih, respectively, in the year A.D. 160.
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CLEAN FIGHTS AT HWEI-AN.

A Shocking State of Affairs.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

From seventy to a hundred miles North

of Amoy along the sea coast lies the County

of Hwei-an, the poorest and most barren

in the Province of Chih-chow, and indeed

probably in the whole of China. Most

of it lies near the sea as the coast line

consists of many indentations and winding

bays, and the land is low with a few

scattered ranges of low barren rocky

hills, mostly treeless. As a consequence

it is wind-swept and sadly lacking in

water, no river of any depth running

through it, though it is much intersected

by broad sandy river courses, generally

almost devoid of water, and only filling

up after heavy rain. Much less rice is

grown than in the more inland counties,

and the ground is chiefly given up to

barley, pea-nuts, and sweet-potatoes, the

success of which crops is entirely dependent

upon a sufficient rain fall, and this is

much more irregular than farther inland.

Owing to the density of population and

the narrow margin of livelihood it is not

to be wondered at that immense numbers

of the male population go farther afield

for a living, not only to Chih-chow, Amoy,

and other neighbouring cities, but to

Hongkong, Singapore, and the Straits

Settlements. A very large proportion of the

day-labourers and the coolies working on

the ships in Amoy are Hwei-an men, as

well as most of the coolies employed by the

Hongs and foreign houses in Amoy and

Kulangsu. There is probably hardly a village

in the whole county that has not several

men abroad trying to earn money as chair

carriers, janitoria pullers, or in the

mines of the Straits. Yet in spite of the

barrenness and poverty of the region the

people are mostly strong, healthy and vigor-

ous, largely because of the fact that the

women do not bind their feet as they have

to work in the fields and carry burdens

in the absence of sufficient men to cultivate

the land. They are an independent, active,

and litigious set of folk, and clan feuds

and village fights are, alas, a normal

condition of affairs in the county. It is quite

the exception for the whole county to be

entirely at peace, in spite of its high

down name, for Hwei-an means "Gracious

Peace." The Chinese are good at grand

titles, high-sounding names, grandiloquent

phrases, though, unfortunately, too often

the actual fact is the exact opposite.

For quite a number of years now, nearly

100 villages on both sides of the main road

leading from the city of Hwei-an itself to

a town halfway to the neighbouring pre-

fectural city of Hing Hwa, have been

engaged in a big clan fight. It arose

over the abduction of a bride, and the

paramount object of the feud has been

to stop the fighting or to punish the

evil-doers. Hwei-an needs strong Mandarins

and a special force of Chinese soldiers, if

the turbulent elements in its population

are to be kept within lawful bounds. Too

often the type of mandarins in office

are weak grasping, futile men, utterly

unable to deal with the disorders that

are almost perennial. It is stated as a

fact that within the last three years over 200

men, women, and even children

have lost their lives in the desultory

intermittent clan fighting that goes on un-

checked. Many roads are often unsafe

for traffic, and on the main road itself for

some miles at times the traveller is liable

BERLIN OFFICIALS IN LONDON.

A Shocking State of Affairs.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

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LONDON, May 24.

The Burgomaster, the Vice-Burgo-

master and 35 members of the Berlin

Corporation have arrived as guests of

the City of London. Most elaborate

festivities have been arranged to take

place during their stay.

To-day is the first anniversary of the

opening of His Excellency Sir Frederik

Lugard, of the V.R.O. Pavilion.

Poppy-planting has closed in many

districts in Northern Anhui, but not at

Hochu or Kuanli.

The volcanic mountain, Taramaya, in

Hokkaido, is active. Local residents are

taking refuge elsewhere.

The Rev. Lord William Cecil and Lady

Cecil have left China on their return

journey to England via Siberia.

A friend of Petrovich, the Italian

detective in the American service, who

was slain at Palermo on March 15, has been

shot in a flat in New York by a member

of the Black Hand gang, who was concealed

in the floor above. The murderer escaped.

The House of Lords has adopted a

motion brought forward by the Duke of

Bedford for "an inquiry into the condition

of the special reserve." Lord Roberts

described the Army as a sham and said

that it was a thousand officers short of its

proper strength.

Sultan Mohammed of Turkey, while

cordially receiving an Armenian delegation

the other day, promised to issue proclama-

tions ordering the Mussulmans to abstain

ANGLO-GERMAN RELATIONS.

GERMAN PRESS ON BRITISH NEUROUSNESS.

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LONDON, May 24.

The German Press, discussing Anglo-German relations, satirizes "Symplicity" in England. British phlegm, it says, is being replaced by nervousness, and it ridicules the stories of nocturnal visits of German airplanes.

AMERICA'S NAVY.

MORE DREADNOUGHTS AND DESTROYERS.

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LONDON, May 24.

A message from Washington states that the Secretary for the Navy announces an increase in the number of Dreadnoughts and five torpedo destroyers.

CHINESE AND EURO- PEAN GAOLS.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, May 23.

H. E. Ta Hung Chi, who is to proceed to Russia to express the thanks of the Chinese Government for the attendance of a Russian representative at the late Emperor's funeral, has also been directed to visit Europe, and investigate the condition of the gaols of the various countries.

MACAO DELIMITATION.

ONLY ONE COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDED.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, May 23.

The Grand Councilors, being of opinion that it would be inadvisable to appoint a second Commissioner in connection with the Macao delimitation question, propose to request the Throne to confer full power on Ko Yi-Him.

TANG SHAO-YI'S LATEST ROLE.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, May 23.

H. E. Chang Chih-Pung requests that H. E. Tang Shao-yi shall be appointed Deputy Director General of the Canton Hankow and Szuhuen-Hankow railways.

PORUGUESE DEMAND REJECTED.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, May 23.

The Portuguese Minister recently demanded the surrender of a man named Yung Kit, who was arrested in Shanghai as a Revolutionary, on the ground that he is a naturalized Portuguese subject. The demand has been rejected.

DEATH OF MRS PEARCE.

We regret to announce the death of Mrs Pearce, wife of the Rev T. W. Pearce, of the London Mission, which took place at the Peak Hospital on Sunday. The deceased lady has been ill for some weeks but was only admitted to the hospital a little over a week ago her condition then being very critical.

The numerous friends of the late Mrs Pearce will mourn her loss and the sympathy of the community will be extended to the Rev T. W. Pearce and children in their sad bereavement. It is a particularly pathetic circumstance that today is the anniversary of Mr and Mrs Pearce's wedding.

The deceased lady, who came of a Welsh family, has resided in the East for a great number of years. Her sister married Dr Weyman, who was a Wesleyan medical missionary at Peking, and about 20 years ago deceased came out on a visit. She then was stationed at Canton, and some year or two later they married. For about nine years they resided at Canton, after which they were transferred to Hongkong, where they have since lived. Mrs Pearce was a most devoted helper of her husband and has given the best years of her life to Christian work amongst the Chinese, organizing various classes for women and girls. She also often took charge of the London Mission School and Orphanage during the absence on leave of Miss Davis, and was also keenly interested in the activities of the T. W. Church in Hollywood Road, where she was organist for many years. She has been a quiet, unostentatious, but persistent worker in a multitude of ways, always contributing her best in such a way as not to attract undue notice or attention. Nothing was a trouble to her, and her cheerful presence will be greatly missed. In the home, too, she was an ideal wife and mother. Her interest in the good works to which she had given so many years was maintained to the very end, and up to within a few days of her death she gave many valuable and practical suggestions for the continued prosecution of her work in which she took such a deep interest.

The funeral is to take place this afternoon at the Monument at 5 p.m. It will be conducted at the graveside by Rev. H. E. Wells. Prior to this a service is to be held at the house at 3.45, at which the Rev. C. H. Hickling will officiate. On Sunday there will be a memorial service at the Union Church.

EMPIRE DAY.

Today wherever the British flag flies will the remembrance of the vastness of our possessions be brought to mind by the celebration of Empire Day. As yet, however, the movement for setting aside one day in the year on which to dwell on the privileges and responsibilities of Empire is but in its infancy. (This probably explains the reason why in some quarters most elaborate programmes are being carried out, while in others there is little else to distinguish Empire Day from any other save perhaps the cessation of business for a few hours.)

It cannot be said that Hongkong has risen to the occasion as she might do. In what more fitting spot than this Far Eastern outpost with its military and naval significance in the scheme of Imperial defence could such an occasion be officially recognised and the celebration of Empire Day taken up wholeheartedly by the populace? Yet there has been practically no organised recognition of the day in the Colony. Even the British flag scarcely meets the eye in walking through the city. In the harbour most of the ships have been dressed for the occasion, while this morning His Excellency the Governor (Sir F. D. Lugard) addressed the scholars of the Victoria and Kowloon British Schools reminding them of the precious heritage which is theirs. The Boys' Own Club sports and one or two other outdoor events were featured, but the inclemency of the weather was against their success.

It is to be sincerely hoped that by another year Hongkong will take a leading part in the celebration of Empire Day.

A Message from the Earl of Meath.

BOYS AND GIRLS OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

May you realise more and more fully as you grow older your great indebtedness to the British Empire—a majestic community of free nations, freely governing themselves, owing its being to vast sacrifices, enterprise, and valour on the part of your fathers and predecessors, bound together by one King, one Flag, and one Majesty, comprising more than a fifth part of the human race, and occupying more than a fifth part of the earth's surface—a federation of the like of which the world has never known before.

May you bear in mind that of the allied peoples of the Empire, each one looks to the others for practical sympathy, protection, and co-operation; and that not only the State to which you belong, but also the Empire itself, looks to you to be ready in time of need to think, to labour, and to bear hardships in its behalf. May you excel in the practice of faith, courage, duty, self-discipline, fair-dealing, even justice, good citizenship, loyalty, patriotism, and sympathy, and thus, by your own individual action, aid in elevating the British character, strengthening the British Empire, and consolidating the British race.

A Song of Empire.

[By THE COMPTON & JENNEY.]

Sing us a song of Empire!
First, let us praise the home
Stirred by the northern breeze,
Rings by the tossing foam—
Here are the joys of living,
Here are the mine and mart,
Forest and furrow giving
Strength to a Nation's heart.
And sons and daughters waiting
The call to play their part.

Sing us a song of Empire!
If Austral lands we roam,
Still wider grows the kinship
Rings by the tossing foam—
And by the starry Ganges,
Where Table Mountain glows,
Through their majestic ranges,
Our Lady of the Snows,
As one we greet our brothers,
As one we confront their foes.

Tell us a tale of Empire,
Isle of the western main!
Is there the spirit wakened
That forged the mighty chain;
From these we learned to fashion
The laws that make us free,
And now with filial passion
Thy children turn to thee,
And swear to guard thy portals,
Thou Empress of the sea.

And we, the sons of Empire,
Are pledged to hold our own
Our fathers fixed the keystone—
The key-note of the throne;
Thy flag the deep foundations,
They reared the lofty spires,
They gathered in the nations,
And set them State by State,
They gave to each the watchword—
"Be masters of your fate."

Al! truest song of Empire!
Thine is the Empire, Lord!
Thine bless our King with wisdom,
Who holds from Thee the sword;
And may the world wonder
Whose war and wolf are Thine,
Which none can read and sounder,
In peace and love combine:
A brotherhood of peoples,
To work Thy vast design.

CELEBRATIONS AT KOWLOON SCHOOLS.

Address by the Governor.

At the Kowloon British Schools this morning His Excellency the Governor gave an address to the children of the Kowloon and Victoria Schools in lieu of the water picnic which was held last year.

Mr B. James, B.A., presided, and amongst those present were Dr Pearce, assistant Medical Officer of Health, Mrs Pearce, Bishop Landier, Rev. Brother Christian, Messrs T. Hough, A. Shelton, Hooper, E. Irving, F. H. May and many others.

Mr B. James said:—Before we share in the privilege of having an Empire Day address from a living Empire-builder I will ask His Excellency to present some prizes which have been awarded in honour of a dead Empire-builder—I mean the Nelson Essay Competition.

This competition was the outcome of a lecture delivered to the pupils of the school by Lieut Davies of H.M.S. Merlin. There is one thing that may require some explanation—all three prize-winners

are members of what is often incorrectly termed the weaker sex. The explanation is that boys who are over 12 years of age are not allowed to attend this school in the first case. Two boys of ten years were considered for prizes—the spelling and composition were so perfect that the examiners came to the conclusion that he must have received outside aid. In the second case the writing and spelling were as imperfect as they often are, in a boy of 10, but the subject matter was so good that had the essay not been left half-finished, the examiners informed me that he must have won the first prize. I found the reason for not finishing the essay a perfectly natural one—"Please Sir, mother said it was time to go to bed." To reply how ancient and how long the essay was, I quote a passage from the essay of a competitor who is of French descent and who also won the second prize.

"If Napoleon has been great on land, Nelson has been great on the sea. He won the admiration not only of his countrymen but of the entire world including even his enemies."

All the life of this illustrious admiral was like that of our French knight Bayard—"Sans peur et sans reproche."

The first prize presented by Lieut Davies, R.N., goes to Eya Taylor.

The second, presented by Mrs Main, goes to Freda Schmetz, who has left the Colony.

His Excellency said—Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls of the British Schools:—A short time ago when I distributed the prizes here I said that I hoped that we might have the pleasure of going to-day for a water picnic. It was intended to me that it would be preferable if I came here and addressed you particularly as the weather has turned out to be so unpropitious. I have fallen in with this arrangement. To-day is Empire Day and we observe it as a public holiday by ordinance in this colony in order that there will be one universal day on which the whole empire will be holding its breath and to remind us of our duties as free citizens and as Kipling says "Least we forget our heritage and its duties."

You have all heard of the enormous extent of the British Empire, that it covers over 11 million square miles of the surface of the globe, and that it includes some 410 millions of people, about one fifth of the whole human race, speaking innumerable languages and living under varying conditions of environment. The British Empire, of the British race, has been that each of these different races should enjoy and develop along their own lines thoroughness, freedom of speech and freedom of the Press provided that these are not used to create animosity, to stir up hatred, to foster independent thought and action, and given full means of expression to every race, it has been the aim of the British wherever they have set foot to influence and promote this liberty and this freedom by encouraging the growth of imperial justice. That, boys and girls, I would like you to remember is the key-note of the British Empire. It has been founded on justice. And it has been the object of the British in all their colonies to endeavour to teach the subject races the value of this priceless boon. Slavery disappears, for every man is equal in the eyes of the law, bribery and corruption cannot exist under these conditions. It is because the empire has been founded on this great principle that it has lasted for so many centuries and has prospered as no other empire in the world has ever done. It is because it has been founded on no selfish motive that we can all be proud to belong to it and that the proud men of the nation have been content to give their interests to its service. Under the British flag we claim that all men of whatever race or colour, whatever religion, no matter whether they are wealthy or poor, enjoy greater freedom than they did before the flag came. That is the reason why we regard our flag and are prepared to give our lives to defend it. It is a stirring thought that today there are over fifty different colonies all over the earth where that flag will be unfurled and that the national anthem which you have just heard sung will be sung in the hearts of the people of those colonies. But this British Empire, of which we are so proud and from which we derive these benefits of freedom and the opportunities for a world-wide trade, can only exist while its citizens are worthy men and women and while each one is willing to contribute in his or her own degree to maintain its traditions and defend it. I do not limit what I say to those of British birth, for every British subject is a citizen of the British Empire, and every citizen of the British Empire is a member of the British race. If we confine our attention to persons of advancement, personal wealth, if our ambition is solely to obtain personal distinction and personal pleasure, if we are not ready to make some real sacrifice for the empire, we shall not continue long to enjoy its benefits and the use of the word "British" will be a mere empty sound. The British citizen of to-day is unworthy of the great trust and heritage which has descended to him, that we are wrapped up too much in money making and in pleasure seeking, that we are too absorbed in our own concerns that we forget that the British citizen should endeavour to make known to those around him the benefits which he enjoys, to mitigate the distress, to provide education, to check the evils from drink and other forms of self-indulgence by providing for the education of the young, to encourage ourselves and endeavouring to teach self-respect and self-improvement to every other British citizen; that is the way in which the traditions and ideals of the Empire may be maintained. Each one of us has a part to play in maintaining here, traditions either by personal service or by contributions to such institutions as I have described. In that way we shall prove that we are not unworthy of our forefathers and that British citizens are not a mere name. There is another thing which involves upon us and which we should share and that is the defence of the empire. I hold it to be the duty of every able-bodied man to prepare himself, should occasion arise, to defend the empire. I hold it to be the duty of every employer to insure some loss, some money loss, in order to enable those he employs to take their part in the defence of the empire. I hold it to be the duty of every British citizen to teach his sons the benefits they are deriving and the duties they owe to the empire. Every one who is called upon to contribute to the army and the navy must do so freely and without grudge. It is the least they can do. Looking at it on the lowest basis, it is an insurance on their property. We have had some splendid examples lately of voluntary taxation incurred by some of the self-governing colonies, New Zealand, Canada, Australia and others in order to aid the army and navy of the empire. Hongkong at present is not able to do anything in this way. We occasionally hear complaints of the amount which we pay towards the army, but seeing it is half the amount it cost which is incurred of the Empire which defends

our own colony, we shall regret, if ever it comes that the existence of the empire is put to the trial, that we did not realise our responsibilities sooner, and that Hongkong will be one of the first of the overseas colonies to bear the brunt of the strain. You boys of the Victoria School have every reason to be proud, and I trust that every one of you will become an efficient volunteer in the service of the empire. I will add only one word to those who hear me and to any who perchance may read my words reported in the papers and that is that I earnestly beseech you to take these matters to heart in the method of action or passive in that sober dogged serious way which is natural to the British and which is the way in which our forefathers dealt with these matters, as matters worthy of the serious consideration of every British subject. Let the words of the "Gods of the Empire" which we are about to hear sung find an echo in every British subject in this British community to-day. (Applause.)

The proceedings terminated with the National Anthem.

At the Hongkong Club.

At the Hongkong Club an informal reception was held when there was a very large attendance. Mr T. Hough presided, in the absence of the President, and expressed regret that he was not present. Sir Paul Chater had also sent his regrets at his inability to attend and in conclusion of a patriotic speech Mr Hough proposed the toast of "The King, the Constitution and the Flag."

The toast was enthusiastically received. His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard, who was present, proposed the toast of "Our Empire," which was also loudly received. The National Anthem was then sung and Mr Hough called for three cheers for His Excellency the Governor, which were lustily given, a "tiger" being added.

PAPER AND PRINTING IN CHINA.

By E. H. PARKER.

The recent discoveries of Dr M. A. Stein in the neighbourhood of Khoten have had the unexpected effect of clearing up several mysteries in connection with ancient Chinese literature. It will be remembered that, in his paper read before the Royal Geographical Society on June 16, 1902, he spoke of having found at Niya "numerous narrow pieces of wood bearing Chinese characters," mostly, it appears, from 8 to 9 inches in length, and carrying upon them each but one single line of written character. He also found amongst these slips of wood a pencil of tamarisk wood surmounted by a knob of bone. The key to all this is to be found in the Chinese histories, which state that the people of Khoten "use pencils made of wood, and have kept by them the letters and commissions received from China ever since the date [corresponding to] B.C. 120."

The oldest of the wooden slips discovered by Dr Stein bears the Chinese date equivalent to A.D. 239, at which date the Indo-Scythians of Afghanistan, or Ephthalites, were supreme in the Kashgar-Khoten region, and the new Chinese dynasty which had just succeeded to the Dragon Throne was quite unable to assert itself by force of arms in those Central Asian parts. Another statement found in sixth-century history is that the authorities of Khoten used jade as a seal with which to imprint their wooden tablets.

These interesting coincidences of contemporary exploration with the official statements of the old Chinese annals, have led several earnest students, notably M. Chavannes, of Paris, to examine more critically the innumerable casual statements scattered here and there over the dynastic histories; and the result has been to establish revised and much more accurate notions upon the subject of ancient penmanship and writing materials than even the Chinese themselves have ever been able to gather, from a comparison of vague and conflicting statements of fact, since the total destruction of their literature over 2,000 years ago.

It is now absolutely certain that neither clay, leather, parchment, nor the papyrus was at any date ever used by the ancient Chinese for the purpose of making records, which fact alone goes to negative any previous connection with Egypt, Babylonia, or Persia; touching which, moreover, there is not the faintest specific evidence to be found either in Eastern or Western records. It seems also equally certain that the Chinese never used wood, bamboo, or palm-leaves, as natives of India—for instance, Banyan barkers—may be seen doing at present, even now, not only in India itself, but also in Singapore, and, perhaps, Hongkong. What the Chinese used was a kind of silk or bark, such as one of the two of the older historians describe as being very like the Chinese joiners' "ink-stick" or "wooden stick and line" of the sixteenth century (when first mentioned), and also like that of to-day. The ancient Chinese carpenters, it may be observed, used a red string for marking wood, and the very modern ones often use a European-made coloured lead pencil. All there were and are no bamboos in Khoten, the natives, and probably also the Chinese, of that place, in imitation as they could their own bamboo slips and styles, had recourse to avail themselves of the tamarisk, a tree which the Russian traveller, Przhevalski found thirty years ago all over the Tarim valley. From the most ancient times ink had been employed in China chiefly for the purpose of branding the forehead of criminals; but it had also been used, concurrently with varnish, for inscribing bamboo and wooden tablets with written communications. Presumably the ink was the same in both cases. Everyone who has travelled in China knows what Chinese varnish is, and in many cases European residents have suffered severely from eye and skin affections brought on by living too soon in the confined atmosphere of a room or amongst furniture that has been recently varnished by "active carpenter." The tree which produces this varnish, the *Albizia verticillata*, may be seen growing nearly all over the Yangtze valley, and its product is of great value for coating ships' bottoms, lighting purposes, making umbrellas, hats, and, possibly, making the "Golden Chokers" and "Diabolos" remedy which we have seen in the market.

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dynamic importance and state laws was also occasionally cast from moulds upon metal tripods in order to secure permanency. As the bamboo stem is usually no thicker than a brandy bottle, it follows that the plane surface available for writing characters could never be very broad; important works, such as the classics, were written upon slips of pared bamboo about 2½ English feet long, and about 1 inch broad. Works of rather secondary importance were inscribed on narrower strips of half the length. Books of quite secondary value were written upon pieces of the size discovered by Dr Stein at Niya, near Khoten. It was the exception rather than the rule in ancient times for these to be more than one column of characters written upon one slip, and three parallel were both sides of the slip ever inscribed with the text of the work, though in appears that notes and memoranda to refresh the memory were sometimes informally jotted down on back of a slip. The number of ideographs on each slip of bamboo varied with the importance and dignity of the subject, but in no case does it appear to have exceeded thirty. These bamboo

slips would therefore resemble our variously-graded modern box-wood paper-knives, and it may be reasonably supposed that four of the smallest would about go to the count—say, 100 words to the column, or from 1,000 to 2,000 to the book, according to the size of the strips. Thus, an average book of one volume, as issued by a modern European publisher—say Viscount Montagu's "Voyage"—would weigh the best part of a hundredweight; and, as a matter of fact, we read that the great revolutionary and exceedingly industrious Emperor who destroyed nearly all the Chinese literature in B.C. 213 is distinctly stated to have "weighed himself out exactly a hundredweight of documents to read in one day."

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DELHI	June 12	MOULTAN	June 15	June 22
DEVANHA	June 26	CHITRA	June 29	July 6
ASSATE	July 10	MALEDONIA	July 13	July 20
DELTA	July 24	MALEDONIA	July 27	Aug. 3
DELHI	Aug. 7	MALEDONIA	Aug. 10	Aug. 17
MALEDONIA	Aug. 21	MALEDONIA	Aug. 24	Aug. 31
DEVANHA	Sept. 4	MALEDONIA	Sept. 7	Sept. 14
ASSATE	Sept. 18	MALEDONIA	Sept. 21	Sept. 28
DELTA	Oct. 2	MALEDONIA	Oct. 5	Oct. 12

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or about	or about	or about	or about	or about
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TJIBODAS	JAPAN	First half of June	JAVA	First half of June
TJILIWONG	JAVA	Do.	JAPAN	Do.
TJILATJAP	JAVA	Do.	SHANGHAI	Do.
TJIPANAS	JAVA	Second half of June	SHANGHAI	Second half of June
TJIKIN	JAVA	Do.	JAPAN	Do.

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HAIMUN	SWATOW.	WEDNESDAY, 28th May, at 1 p.m.
HAITANG	SWATOW, AMOI & FOCHOW.	FRIDAY, 29th May, at 1 p.m.

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Hongkong, May 5, 1909. 614

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Hongkong, April 14, 1909. 611

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Ar.—Changchun	9.15 p.m.	7 a.m.
Ar.—Harbin (Russian Train)	8 a.m.	5 a.m.
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Leave—Harbin (Russian Train)	Monday	Wednesday	Friday
Arrive—Changchun	Tuesday	Thursday	Saturday
Ar.—Mukden	8.50 p.m.	2.10 p.m.	2.30 p.m.
Ar.—Dairin	12.30 p.m.	12.30 p.m.	afternoon
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